

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 9-16 are pending in the present application, with claims 9, 15, and 16 being independent.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

An Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449 form were filed on September 4, 2001. There is presently no indication that the Examiner considered the documents identified in that Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the documents identified in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned.

***Drawings***

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, in any subsequent Office Communication, indicate whether or not the drawings, which were filed on September 4, 2001, have been accepted. See, for example, item 10 of the Office Action Summary.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102***

The Examiner rejected claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Edge et al. (US 6,362,808). This rejection is respectfully traversed insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims.

Edge et al. is directed to a color mapping method that is used in transforming colors between color imaging systems. The method of Edge et al. includes the use of forward transformation profiles that characterize the color imaging systems to generate respective sets of device-independent color values for the color imaging systems.

The Examiner states that the device profile link generator 402 of Edge et al. produces a device profile link 412, which can be a look-up table and cites col. 7, lines 27-57 to supposedly teach the lookup table as recited in independent claims 9, 15, and 16.

Applicants, however, respectfully submit that Edge et al. contains absolutely no teaching that a lookup table is provided that is composed of characteristic points, which are determined to be impossible to be interpolated when a process for converting image data is performed, whereby the characteristic points indicate the relationship between supplied image data and output image data.

In fact, Edge et al. teaches in col. 7, lines 31-33, that "[i]f the device profile link 412 is a look-up table, the device link calculator 414 optionally uses linear interpolation to refine the destination device coordinates." In other words, Edge et al. does not provide any teaching that a determination is made if the supplied image data and output data is impossible to interpolate when performing an image data converting process. Therefore, Edge et al. does not anticipate the independent claims.

Dependent claims 10-14 should be considered allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at telephone number (703) 205-

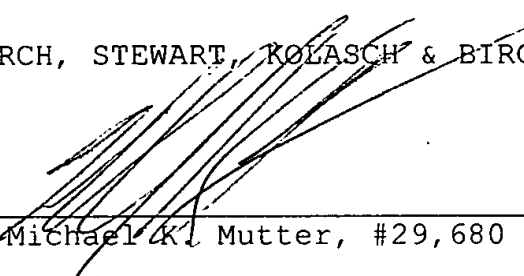
8000, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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